(b) whether this could serve as a prelude to closing down of these mills completely thereby throwing a wide section of employees of the mills and other ancillary workers, out of employment; and

(c) whether any of the units under the National Textile Corporation Limited also sought permission to sell their surplus land?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to available information, some of the textile mills in Bombay which are in financial difficulties have approached the prescribed Urban Land Ceilling Authority and/or the State Government for permission to develop land which is surplus to their requirement in order to raise requisite funds for their working capital needs and for modernisation, with the intention to keep the mills going with a view to protecting the production as well as employment.

(c) Surplus land in some NTC mills has been identified.

Tourists from abroad

70. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of tourists from abroad and earnings in foreign exchange during the last year and also the proposed time-bound target for the current year and for the next year; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The total foreign tourist traffic to India during 1986 was 1451,076 including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh. The estimated foreign exchange earning from these tourists is likely to be over Rs. 1700 crores. The targets of tourist arrival for 1987 and 1988 are 1.60 million and 1.75 million respectively, including nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to increase the foreign tourist traffic include vigorous publicity campaigns with emphasis on consumer advertising, stepping-up of public relations with overseas media agencies, tour operators and travel agencies, promotion of special interest tourism and marketing India in 'segmonts', launching of promotional schemes and off-season schemes like 'Affordable India' and 'India on the House', development of infrastructural facilities and transport systems, including charter traffic etc.

Deportation of terrorists by the US Government

71. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 7th February, 1987 to the effect that US Government will deport terrirists having any link with international terrorism, who are planning or supporting violence.

(b) whether Government have given any list of terrorists who have created disturbance in India and escaped to the USA; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is on going cooperation and consultation between the Government of India and USA on the international dimension of terrorist violence against India.